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*A national coalition of consumers, government agencies
and insurers dedicated to combating all forms of
insurance fraud through public information and
advocacy.*

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The Honorable Sam Johnson
Chairman - Subcommittee on Social Security
House Ways and Means Committee
B317 Rayburn Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Johnson:

On behalf of the Coalition Against Insurance Fraud I am writing in support of H.R. 5260, a bill targeting disability fraud.

The Coalition Against Insurance Fraud is a broad-based alliance of consumer groups, insurers and government organizations dedicated to combating all forms of insurance fraud through public education, advocacy and research. We are recognized as one of the leading anti-fraud organizations in the nation working closely with state legislators, state regulators and federal officials to strengthen our nation's anti-fraud effort. The Coalition is one of the founding members with the Department of Health and Human Services and the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services in creating the Healthcare Fraud Prevention Partnership. The Coalition currently is a co-chair of the Partnership's executive board.

Disability fraud is pernicious and undermines the system intended to care for the long-term health of injured workers. H.R. 5260 responds to a spate of recent arrests around the nation of providers and beneficiaries charged with defrauding the federal disability system by adding key criminal and civil penalties for committing disability fraud.

H.R. 5260 seeks to combat fraud and better protect taxpayers and beneficiaries. The Coalition applauds the effort and we strongly support moving this legislation forward.

Sincerely,

Howard Goldblatt
Director of Government Affairs